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INFORMATIONAL NOTICE

TO: ALL PARTICIPATING PHARMACIES, PHYSICIANS AND HOSPITAL
OUTPATIENT DEPARTMENTS

RE: REVISED REFILL-TOO-SOON (R-T-S) EDITING

Effective with dates of service on or after March 1, 2001, the Department will implement the following change in the pharmacy program.

Revised Refill-Too-Soon (R-T-S) Edits: To avoid Department reimbursement in situations where refills of ongoing prescriptions are repeatedly billed prior to the previous supply having been exhausted, the current R-T-S logic will be changed to compute the R-T-S threshold on the days carried over from the prior prescription plus the number of days in the new prescription. For example, if a recipient received a thirty (30) day prescription for thirty (30) tablets and then refilled it on the 23rd day, the prescription would be refilled seven (7) days early. The new edit will add the seven (7) days the prescription was refilled early to the number of days of the refilled prescription thirty (30) for a total of thirty-seven (37) days. The R-T-S threshold will then be calculated on thirty-seven (37) days.

Questions concerning this notice should be directed to the Bureau of Comprehensive Health Services at (217) 782-5565.

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